

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 6, 2006 – 7:00 P. M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Kathy Rawls
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Gary Bunker
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney
Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Bunker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 16, 2006 Worksession
2. May 16, 2006 Regular Meeting
3. May 23, 2006 Special Meeting
4. May 30, 2006 Special Meeting

- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Butler seconded.
- b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote with Councilman Singer and Councilwoman McKenzie abstaining on the minutes from the May 30, 2006 meeting.

(E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Councilman Barton made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as follows:
 1. Add Consent Item 4a – Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with ACS Government Systems, Inc. for Software Maintenance in the Tax Assessor's Office.

- b. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded the motion. The amended agenda passed by unanimous vote.

(F) AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 1. Proposed Resolution to Recognize Building Official Earnie Knight for Being Named “Building Official of the Year”.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion for the approval. Councilman Butler seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(G) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances Relating to the Rehire of Former County Employees.
 - a. No comments were made.
- 2. Proposed Ordinance to Establish Operating, Capital and Debt Service Budgets for Aiken County, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 Through June 30, 2007; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for County Operations, Capital and Debt Services; to Provide for All Other Estimated Revenues and for the Appropriation Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.
 - a. Dr. Susan Winsor, President, Aiken Technical College, reminded Council that the school was requesting \$1,790,000 more than was currently proposed in the FY 07 Budget.
 - b. Several citizens spoke in favor of spending the \$340,000 allocated by the State Budget and Control Board, in Graniteville for the citizens affected by the train derailment and chlorine spill. It was suggested that the question of how to use the funds be put on a referendum for the citizens to decide.
 - c. A number of the participants of the current Leadership Aiken County class spoke in favor of Council funding the 2-1-1 Help Line in the amount of \$154,000 or a minimum of \$100,000.
 - d. Representatives from the Aiken County Animal Control Advisory Committee discussed the needs at the County Animal Shelter, the need for more public education and the need for additional training and enforcement of State Laws.
 - e. Ms. Pamela Hall, Hall Gaffney Learning Center, requested that Council sponsor 10 to 15 children at \$280 per student per year.
 - f. All of Council responded following the citizens comments. It was the general consensus that Aiken Technical College be set up on a millage rate for annual funding.

A major concern for Council is the lack of Emergency Medical Services personnel and equipment.

The unfunded mandate for the Stormwater Management Program will cost the County approximately \$1,600,000.

Several Councilmembers pointed out that with the closing of Avondale Mills, a vision for both the present and the future of Graniteville is needed and is being worked on by Council. It was clarified that not all the statements made during the Public Hearing concerning the \$340,000 allocated by the State were correct.

(H) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Reschedule Any Council Meeting Which is Scheduled for School Spring Break Week and Master's Week.
(Administrative Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Butler made a motion for the approval. Councilman Bunker seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
2. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Add the Prohibition Against Playing Golf in Any of the County Parks.
(Development Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilwoman McKenzie moved for the adoption. Councilman Hightower seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
3. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Restrict the Use of Any Tobacco Product at All County Parks.
(Development Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Bunker made a motion for the approval. Councilman Hightower seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
4. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances Relating to the Rehire of Former County Employees.
(County Council) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Hightower moved for the adoption. Councilman Bunker seconded.
 - b. Passed by majority vote with Councilwoman McKenzie voting in opposition.

(I) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7.
(Rawls, Singer, McKenzie, Smith, Barton, Bunker)
2. Proposed Resolution to Appoint a Medical Control Physician for the Department of Emergency Services, EMS Division, of Aiken County.
(County Council)
3. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non-Profit Agencies from the FY 2006 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council)

4. Proposed Ordinance to Establish Operating, Capital and Debt Service Budgets for Aiken County, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 Through June 30, 2007; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for County Operations, Capital and Debt Services; to Provide for All Other Estimated Revenues and for the Appropriation Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.
(County Council) (Second Reading)

- 4a. Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with ACS Government Systems, Inc. for Software Maintenance in the Tax Assessor's Office.
(ADDITION)

II. CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

5. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 2-472. Safety Committee of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Alter the Makeup of the Employee Safety Committee.
(Administrative Committee)
6. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Allow for Additional Days for the County Landfills and Recycling Centers to be Closed.
(Development Committee)
- a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Smith seconded.
- b. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(J) NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Central Procurement Division to Purchase an Air Cooled Chiller from Sig Cox, Inc for \$45,831.
(County Council)
- a. Councilman Smith made a motion for the approval. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(K) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2006 Aiken County Contingency Report as of May 17, 2006.

(L) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Ms. Tina Bevington asked for an update on the proposed new Complex Building and questioned whether funding for the project was in the proposed budget.

Council clarified that the project was ongoing and that funds for the project would come from the Local Option Sales Tax, as was stated on the ballot in 2004.
- b. Councilman Smith made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilman Butler seconded.
- c. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 9:00 P. M.

(M) EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Legal Matters:
 - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.
(County Attorney) (Verbal)
2. Contractual Matters:
3. Personnel Matters:

RECONVENED – 11:00 P. M

- a. Following Executive Session, Councilman Smith made a Voice Motion to approve An Ordinance Authorizing and Consenting to the Transfer of that Certain Arrangement for Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Payments between Aiken County, South Carolina and SKF USA Inc. under Title 4, Chapter 29 Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, to an Arrangement under Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended; the Amount of the Payment from SKF USA Inc. required under Title 4, Chapter 29 of the Code of Laws (1976), as amended, to Accomplish the Transfer; the Redemption of the Not Exceeding \$150,000,000 Principal Amount Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 (SKF USA Inc. Project); the conveyance or reconveyance to SKF USA Inc. of all Assets, (including, but not limited to, land, building, equipment and personal property) held by Aiken County, South Carolina Pursuant to that Certain Lease Agreement between Aiken County, South Carolina as Lessor and SKF USA Inc. as Lessee and the Redemption of that Certain \$1,100,000 Aiken County, South Carolina Special Source Revenue Bond (SKF USA Inc. Project) Series 1997; and other matters relating thereto.
(First Reading)
- b. Councilman Butler seconded. The Voice Motion was approved by unanimous vote with Councilman Singer and Councilman Bunker abstaining.
- c. Councilman Smith made a Voice Motion to enter into a Consent Order with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, in reference to the issue at the Savannah River Research Campus and the wastewater treatment facility.
- d. Councilman Hightower seconded. The Voice Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- e. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Butler seconded.
- f. Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(N) ADJOURNMENT – 11:08 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman